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18 MS. SMITH: My name is Melissa Smith. I live at
19 14001 Cadet Road, Churchill County. I've lived there for
20 13 years. I was informed earlier this year that Highway
21 50, the Carson Highway, is proposed to be a transport
22 route for nuclear waste. The road is less than a mile
23 from my house. I do not wish to see this happen.
24 Transporting nuclear waste is not a proven safe thing to
25 do.

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1 The money that has been spent could have been
2 put into research for neutralizing and/or reprocessing of
3 this nuclear waste. The whole issue of nuclear waste
4 should have been thought out years ago by the nuclear
5 industry, and what to do with the waste product.

6 I do not appreciate DOE advertisements in the
7 past stating that it was going to be shipped in pellet
8 form and be perfectly safe; it was an out-and-out lie.

9 Churchill County already has a problem of
10 naturally-occurring radioactivity in our well water. We
11 don't need radioactive waste being shipped through this
12 community.

13 I have been a trucker in the past, I have had

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14 many, many friends that were and are truckers now. It is

15 not the best way to ship it; accidents do happen.

16 I do not appreciate these meetings not being

17 well advertised, and in non highly-public access areas.

18 I'm not wording that right.

19 On such short notice, people, the citizens of

20 Nevada, will not have time to clear their busy schedules

21 to come to these meetings and have a sound comment to

22 make. Many of us have not even read the draft EIS, let

23 alone the up-and-coming final EIS. Many of us in rural

24 Nevada work one job, possibly two, as many are ranchers

25 and farmers. More time is needed to make comments.

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1 The State of Nevada has been very firm on their

2 dislike of having this shoved down our throats, from the

3 governor all the way down to me, just a citizen. We do

4 not want the nuclear waste in Nevada.

5 It's not our fault that nuclear power plants are

6 running out of room. It's not our fault that the

7 government, 10, 15 years ago, decided to take it upon

8 themselves to find a repository for it. It's not our

9 fault.

10 Due to current events, wouldn't it be wiser to

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11 load it up into airplanes and just take it over to
12 Afghanistan and drop it on them? Then we can use the
13 already-built tunnels for bomb shelters ourselves.
14 With all the technology -- I stress, with all
15 the technology -- that we have in this world today,
16 especially in the very knowledgeable United States of
17 America, we could have a solution to this other than
18 sweeping it underneath the carpet, underneath the hill at
19 Yucca Flat. That's it. I'm done.